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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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SUBJECT: U MYINT MAUNG

1. FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC DATA WHICH DEPARTMENT HAS ON FORMER BRIGADIER MYINT MAUNG, AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO THE UN. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE BY AUGUST 6.

2. BRIGADIER MYINT MAUNG, 54, WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN JULY 1975. A CAREER ARMY OFFICER WHOSE SPECIALTY IS ADMINISTRATION, MYINT MAUNG APPARENTLY ENJOYS THE PERSONAL CONFIDENCE OF PRESIDENT NE WIN, WHO ENLISTED MYINT MAUNG'S TALENTS SHORTLY AFTER TAKING POWER IN 1962. SINCE THAT TIME MYINT MAUNG HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE BURMA SOCIALIST PROGRAM PARTY, THE COUNTRY'S ONLY LEGAL POLITICAL PARTY, AND HAS SERVED ON ITS INSPECTIONS AND TATMADAW (MILITARY) COMMITTEES.

AN ETHNIC BURMAN, MYINT MAUNG WAS EDUCATED IN MANDALAY AND ATTENDED TWO YEARS OF COLLEGE. HE SERVED WITH THE BURMA INDEPENDENCE ARMY UNTIL IT REBELLED AGAINST THE JAPANESE IN 1945. HE WAS THEN COMMISSIONED AN OFFICER IN THE REORGANIZED BURMA ARMY, AND HE BEGAN HIS CAREER IN MILITARY ADMINISTRATION. AFTER 1962, MYINT MAUNG'S IMMEDIATE TASK IN VARIOUS POSITIONS WAS TO HELP BUILD

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SOCIALISM UNDER THE NEW REGIME. HE HAS SERVED AS MANAGER OF THE NATIONALIZED UNION OF BURMA BANK, REGISTRAR OF COOPERATIVES AND AS AN ADMINISTRATOR IN THE OFFICE OF THE FORMER RULING REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. A COLONEL BY 1970, MYINT MAUNG WAS PROMOTED TO BRIGADIER IN 1972 AND APPOINTED ADJUTANT GENERAL IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. HIS ONLY KNOWN TRAVEL WAS TO A 1963 COOPERATIVES CONFERENCE IN EAST GERMANY.

US EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE DESCRIBED MYINT MAUNG AS PLEASANT BUT QUIET AND UNASSUMING. INGERSOLL

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